Scheduled I and II (Part II) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, thus giving them maximum possible protection under law. There is also a complete ban on hunting of wildlife under this Act.

(iii) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 also provides for stringent and deterrent punishment for causing any damage or disturbance to a Wildlife Sanctuary. The boundaries of a Sanctuary cannot also be altered without approval of the concerned State Legislature.

(iv) Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, assistance for the development of Sanctuaries and National Parks, Project Tiger and Eco-development around National Parks and Sanctuaries, including Tiger Reserves, Central assistance is provided to various Sanctuaries and National Parks for their development and Scientific management, including development of their buffer zones.

(v) A number of zoos in India have been successfully breeding endangered species of wildlife, thus helping in ex-situ conservation of these valuable genepools.

(vi) Central assistance under the Schemes "Conservation of Rhinos in Assam" is provided to the Government of Assam for intensive protection and conservation of rhinos in all their natural habitats in Assam.

(vii) A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Project Elephant" has been launched in the current financial year to protect and conserve all elephant population in the country through concerted measures to protect their habitats, restoration of migratory corridors and mitigating manelephant conflights.

Women's Education

*377. DR. R. SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission propose to fund the various academics and infrastructures for the development of women's education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The criteria fixed for providing funds therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). University Grants Commission provides financial assistance to all eligible Universities and Colleges for purchase of books, journals and equipment, appointment of teachers, construction of academic and hostel buildings, and for special programmes for promotion of research. According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has relaxed norms for financial assitance for women's institutions as follows:

— The minimum students enrolment had been relaxed to 150 for women's colleges as against 250 for other colleges.

— The minimum number of teachers need be only 5 for women's colleges as against 10 for other colleges.

— For construction of women's hostel, the Commission provides 100% assistance as against 75% for boys' hostels.

There are three Women's Universities and two Deemed Universities exclusively for women in the country. The Commission provided grants amounting to Rs. 2.85 crores during the Seventh Plan for the development of these Universities.

History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture

*378. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Council of Philosophical Research has undertaken a comprehensive research project on inter-disciplinary study of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture;

(b) if so, the objectives, dimension, methodology, issues to be dealt with, work-plan and time schedule of activities of the project;

(c) whether an overview volume in this regard is planned;

(d) if so, the outline thereof; and

(e) the action plan in this regard, especially in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), the Council is the nodal agency for a research project on "The Study of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture". The main objective of the project is to undertake a comprehensive and inter-disciplinary study of scientific, Philosophical and cultural heritage of Indian Civilization. A Preparatory Committee consisting of eminent scholars has been constituted for the detailed planning and implementation of the project. Ten Volumes co-vering a variety of subjects like geography, mathematics, astronomy, physical sciences, life sciences, medical sciences, industry, agriculture and social and political institutions of India, are expected to be published under project which is likely to take 7 to 9 years for completion. The Committee has started preparation of an "Overview Volume" which would lay down detailed outlines, selected topics and broad methodology to be followed for preparation of the individual volumes. The Overview Volume is proposed to be completed by 1994

Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan

*379. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Daria Doulat Sumer Palace of Tipu Sultan near Bangalore requires proper upkeep and maintenance;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the additional facilities proposed to be provided for the tourists at site?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The moument is in a good state of preservation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Amenities like supply of drinking